

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1203

INFO AMCONSUL HALIFAX

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E. O. 11652: N/ A

TAGS : ETRD, CA

SUBJECT: IRVING OIL LTD. REFINERY

REF: STATE 114408 JUNE 13, 1973

1. WE PERCEIVE NO OBJECTION TO THIS PROPOSAL.
  2. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY FOREIGN COMPETITION.
  3. WE LACK PERTINENT DETAILS ON PROPOSED NEW OR EXPANDED IRVING REFINERY, INCLUDING ITS MARKETING PLANS. HOWEVER, MOST CURRENT REFINERY PROJECTS FOR ATLANTIC PROVINCES ARE LARGELY EXPORT- ORIENTED; AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT SINCE RECENT EXPANSION OF IRVING REFINING LTD.'S REFINERY AT ST. JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK, IT HAS EXPORTED SUBSTANTIAL VOLUMES OF MIDDLE DISTILLATES AND SOME GASOLINE TO UNITED STATES. ( THIS DONE UNDER ARRANGEMENT WITH STANDARD OF CALIFORNIA, WHICH WE ARE TOLD HOLDS MAJORITY CONTROL OF IRVING REFINING AND LARGE MINORITY INTEREST IN IRVING MARKETING COMPANY.)
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RM SINCE GOC ANNOUNCED " TEMPORARY" PETROLEUM PRODUCT  
EXPORT CONTROLS JUNE 15 TO MEET PERCEIVED THREAT OF  
DOMESTIC SHORTAGE ( OTTAWA 1391), OUTLOOK FOR NEW  
EXPORT- ORIENTED REFINERIES HAS BECOME UNCERTAIN.  
MINISTER ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES DONALD S. MACDONALD  
SAID JUNE 15 IN HOUSE OF COMMONS THAT ALTHOUGH CONTROLS  
SHOULD NOT AFFECT REFINERIES PRIMARILY SERVING CANADIAN  
MARKET, FOR WHICH INCREASED CAPACITY IS DESIRED, " WITH  
REGARD TO REFINERIES SPECIFICALLY CONSTRUCTED WITH  
RE- EXPORT IN MIND, I CAN SEE SOME REASON FOR COMPANIES  
TO TAKE SECOND LOOK AT PROPOSALS WHICH... ARE IN PROJECT  
STAGE TO DECIDE WHETHER THEY WANT TO PUT THEM  
IN." IN OTTAWA SPEECH JUNE 20, MACDONALD REITERATED  
AND EXPANDED UPON THIS DISTINCTION BETWEEN REFINERIES  
PRIMARILY SERVING DOMESTIC AND EXPORT MARKETS.  
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